



**“Eye on AMC”**

# **U.S. Army Materiel Command**

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## **Natick's Philip Brandler wins laboratory director of the year**

Philip Brandler, director of the Natick Soldier Center located at the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center, Natick, Mass., was recently named 2005 Laboratory Director of the Year. The award is given by the Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer and is open to federal research and development laboratories and centers nationwide.

Brandler was recognized for his exemplary contributions in supporting technology transfer activities at the NSC. He has enabled the transfer of technologies through Cooperative Research and Development Agreements, Patent Licensing Agreements, other formal and informal partnerships, and consortia.

## **Sheep's wool to make Soldiers more comfortable**

The Natick Soldier Center at the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center, Mass., is working with partners to develop a family of woolen, flame-resistant products, including woven and knitted fabrics.

The woven wool/aramid fabric is suitable for combat uniforms, a low-cost alternative to the existing fabric, washable, and provides flame and camouflage protection. Adding wool to aramid will increase comfort while maintaining thermal protection. The new fabric will be available later this year.

## **SARET adds repair to its successful inspection program**

The Small Arms Readiness Evaluation Team's weapon inspection program now performs repairs. TACOM Life Cycle Management Command's new SARET-R team has the capability of repairing weapons with the only cost being the price of parts.

## **AMC journalists place in Army competition**

Several Army Materiel Command journalists have placed in the Department of the Army's Keith L. Ware Awards. The annual awards recognize the Army's top journalists, photographers and broadcasters.

Jacqueline Boucher, Tobyhanna Army Depot, placed third in Print Category E, News Article, for her story "Tobyhanna treats troop medical clinic." Tesia Williams, HQAMC, received honorable mention in Print Category J, Single/Stand-Alone Photograph, for her photo "AMC selects NCO, Soldier of the Year." Research, Development and Engineering Command placed third in Print Category T, Web-based Publication, for RDECOM Magazine Online.

## **Spotlight On Letterkenny Army Depot...**

Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., is the only Avenger depot in the world. Avenger provides protection to rear echelon units and command posts against low-altitude and high-speed airplanes and helicopters. Letterkenny resets Avengers to a fully mission capable status after they return from the unit. LEAD has worked with many units in performing reset, and has completed 349 Avengers since program inception in 2004.

## **Did you know... March is Women's History Month**

Women business owners are critically important to the American economy. America's 9.1 million women owned businesses employ 27.5 million people and contribute \$3.6 trillion to the economy. In fiscal year 2005, the Army Materiel Command awarded a record \$720 million, or 1.7 percent of the total U.S. business base dollars, to women owned small business firms.

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